

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of wrapping products in films comprising the steps of:
 - positioning the products on a first sheet of film which is continuously advanced in one transport direction;
 - covering the products with a second sheet of film, which is continuously advanced in the transport direction and which is aligned plane-parallel to the first sheet of film,
 - ultrasonically welding the first and second films on the outer edges of each of the product wrappings and ultrasonically ~~separating~~ cutting the overlapping films at selected positions;
 - forming a pull-tab on an outer edge of the product wrapping;
 - forming a welding seam or cut line in the pull-tab, said welding seam or cut line running transversely into a welding seam on the outer edge of the product wrapping;
 - and
 - separating the wrapped products or groups of wrapped products.
2. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic welding and ultrasonic cutting are performed with a welding punch disposed opposite a supporting table and plane-parallel above one film, the welding punch and supporting table being moved towards one another for ultrasonic welding and ultrasonic cutting.
3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising the steps of generating an ultrasonic oscillation on the surface of the supporting table with a

sonotrode device integrated in the supporting table and pressing the films onto the supporting table in the region of the welding and cutting edges of the welding punch, ~~which are an image of the~~ wherein welded and cut edges of the wrapped products are an image of the welding and cutting edges of the welding punch.

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one film is pre-shaped to receive the products before the step of positioning the products on the sheet of film.
6. (Currently amended) A device for wrapping products in films, ~~according to the method as claimed in claim 1,~~ the device comprising:
 - a first conveyor means for continuously advancing a first sheet of film;
 - a positioning means for positioning products on the first sheet of film;
 - a second conveyor means for covering the products positioned on the first sheet of film with a second sheet of film, which is aligned plane-parallel to the first sheet of film;
 - a fixed supporting table with an integrated sonotrode arrangement for generating ultrasonic oscillations; and
 - an opposing welding punch disposed plane-parallel to the supporting table, said welding punch having welding and cutting edges ~~as an image of the welded and cut edges of the wrapped products and being mounted on~~ above the supporting table such as to move towards and away from the supporting table;

said sheets of film with the products held therebetween
~~them~~-being guided between the supporting table and the
welding punch;

wherein the welding and cutting edges of the welding
punch are formed in such a way that a pull-tab is formed
on an outer edge of the product wrapping; and

a welding seam or cut line is formed in the pull-tab, said
welding seam or cut line running transversely into a
welding seam on the outer edge of the product wrapping.

7. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim ~~6~~18,
further including at least one pre-shaping means for at least
one of the sheets of film such that the products can be
received in indentations in the pre-shaped films.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently amended) A device for wrapping products in
films, ~~according to the method as claimed in Claim 1,~~ the
device comprising:
a fixed supporting table with an integrated sonotrode
arrangement for generating ultrasonic oscillations; and
an opposing ~~supporting~~pressure roller which is plane-
parallel to the supporting table and which can be guided in
a freely movable manner;
wherein sheets of film with the products held
therebetween ~~them~~-can be ~~disposed~~positioned between the
supporting table and the ~~supporting~~pressure roller.
12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (New) A method of wrapping products in films comprising the steps of:
 - positioning the products on a first sheet of film which is continuously advanced in one transport direction;
 - covering the products with a second sheet of film, which is continuously advanced in the transport direction and which is aligned plane-parallel to the first sheet of film,
 - ultrasonically welding the first and second films on the outer edges of each of the product wrappings and ultrasonically cutting the overlapping films at selected positions;
 - forming a cut line between two outer edges of the product wrapping, said cut line running transversely across one of the films of the product wrapping; and
 - separating the wrapped products or groups of wrapped products.
17. (New) A method of wrapping products in films comprising the steps of:
 - positioning the products on a first sheet of film which is continuously advanced in one transport direction;
 - covering the products with a second sheet of film, which is continuously advanced in the transport direction and which is aligned plane-parallel to the first sheet of film,
 - ultrasonically welding the first and second films on the outer edges of each of the product wrappings and

ultrasonically cutting the overlapping films at selected positions;

separating the wrapped products or groups of wrapped products;

wherein the ultrasonic welding and/or ultrasonic cutting are performed with a pressure roller disposed opposite and plane-parallel to the supporting table above one film, said pressure roller being guided across said film according to contours to be welded and cut, with pressure exerted on the supporting table for ultrasonic welding and/or ultrasonic cutting.

18. (New) A device for wrapping products in films, the device comprising:

a first conveyor means for continuously advancing a first sheet of film;

a positioning means for positioning products on the first sheet of film;

a second conveyor means for covering the products positioned on the first sheet of film with a second sheet of film, which is aligned plane-parallel to the first sheet of film;

a fixed supporting table with an integrated sonotrode arrangement for generating ultrasonic oscillations;

an opposing welding punch disposed plane-parallel to the supporting table, said welding punch having welding and cutting edges mounted above the supporting table such as to move towards and away from the supporting table;

said sheets of film with the products held therebetween being guided between the supporting table and the welding punch;

wherein the welding and cutting edges of the welding punch are formed in such a way that a cut line between two

outer edges of the product wrapping is formed that runs
transversely across one of the films of the product
wrapping.